

## **Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission May 5, 2015**

**Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission held on May 5, 2015 6:30 p.m., at the Tempe, Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Tempe, Arizona.**

**MEMBERS Present:** Victoria Bennett, Daniel Bish, Alexis Blanc, Sunday Callaway, Tiffanie Cappello Lee, Gabriel Edwards, Sophia Gonzalez, Smita Gopalakrishnan, Zaria Guignard, Nicholas Hargis, Timur Karamanov, Andrea Lara-Garcia, Chris Moffitt, Aemelia Morris, Julia Rasmussen, Jaren Savage, Ellie Young, and Franklin Zyriek.

**MEMBERS Absent:** Nyesha Barnes, Jason George, Andie Niebling, Maria Ornelas, J.D. Scribner, and Carson Streiff.

**City Staff Present:** Lily Villa.

**Guests Present:** Mayor Mark Mitchell, Mayoral Aide, Tony Cani.

### **Agenda Item 1 – Call Meeting To Order/Introductions**

**Tiffanie Cappello-Lee, MYAC Chair** called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

### **Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of the Meeting Minutes: April 7, 2015**

**Timur Karamanov** read the minutes from the April 7, 2015 meeting.

**Motion: Victoria Bennett** motioned to approve the minutes.

**Second: Sophia Gonzalez** seconded the motion.

**Decision:** Minutes were approved.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Treasurer's Report**

**Daniel** provided the Treasurer's Report.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Announcements**

**Lily Villa, MYAC Advisor** informed the commissioners that **Kim Bauman, MYAC Advisor** was disappointed that she could not attend the meeting due to personal reasons but she wanted to thank the out-going MYAC members for their service.

### **Agenda Item 5 – 2016 Youth Town Hall Topic Survey**

- 1) **Tiffanie** provided the group with the survey results which **Jason George** and **Andea Lara-Garcia** gathered at Marcos de Niza High School and Corona del Sol high school. The MYAC members plan to use this information to determine topics for the 2016 Youth Town Hall.
- 2) **Tiffanie** also provided the MYAC members with feedback from the 2015 Youth Town Hall participant survey. MYAC received a 95% approval/ enjoyment rating from the participants along with several interesting suggestions for the next Youth Town Hall. The commissioners plan to use this information to develop an even better Youth Town Hall for February 2016.

### **Agenda Item 6 – MYAC Quarterly Report**

The commissioners presented a PowerPoint to Mayor Mitchell and Mayoral Aide, Tony Cani about MYAC's accomplishments from May 2014-May 2015.

- 1) MYAC was trained on group facilitation during the 2014 Training/ Retreat. They also took this time to become better acquainted with one another and develop their team in general.
- 2) The 2015 Youth Town Hall, a.k.a. 'Youth Town Hal 2.0' was very successful and MYAC plans to create an even better Youth Town Hall for 2016.
- 3) MYAC successfully launched the Concrete Impacts by Tempe Youth project in February 2015. They are currently recruiting members and building community partnerships for a wider array for youth volunteering opportunities.
- 4) MYAC assisted with "Cards for Kids" at the 2015 MY Fest which provided encouragement to children in the foster care system who would not normally receive kind letters.
- 5) MYAC attended the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Conference, the Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Service Learning Conference, and the Governor's Youth Leadership day. All of these conferences provide MYAC members with networking opportunities and training to better serve youth in Tempe.
- 6) MYAC is partnering with MY LIFE to develop a community service project which will focus on helping foster care kids in Tempe. They will plan this project through the summer and into next year.

### **Agenda Item 7 – 2015 Community Service Project Planning**

**Ellie Young, Community Service Project Chair**, reviewed the notes from the last community service project planning meeting with the MY LIFE members and the members discussed possible initiatives that will support foster care youth in Tempe.

- **Timur** expressed concern that the teacher-focused initiatives might cost too much money while **Tiffanie** mentioned that MYAC could simply create petitions which would be presented to the Tempe high school and elementary school district boards.
- Other MYAC members agreed that cost might be a challenge for this project but they were interested in transportation initiatives which would assist foster care youth in taking part extracurricular activities.
- The commissioners will form a sub commission and plan this project throughout the summer of 2015.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Meet with Mayor Mitchell**

Mayor Mitchell thanked the MYAC members for their services and provided out-going commissioners with certificates acknowledging their service. The commissioners then spent the duration of the meeting having a year-end party to celebrate their success over the year.

The Commission will not meet over the summer break.

The Commission's next meeting will be held in **September 2015**.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

Prepared by: Sunday Callaway

Reviewed by: Kim Bauman and Lily Villa

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Tiffanie Cappello-Lee, Youth Town Hall Chair  
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